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## FOREWORD

The publishing of this calendar of the papers of Frederick Douglass is a step in the direction of documenting the long neglected history of the Negro in America. It is well that the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration selected the papers of this national character as the beginning of this important task. The preservation of these records has a stronger claim upon Americans than other such tasks for the simple reason that most of such accounts have not been recorded at all, and many of those once in written or printed form have been lost. In order to write a definitive history of the Negro, therefore, it is doubly necessary to preserve and publish as early as possible the documents bearing on the past of the Negro.

In the papers of Frederick Douglass there is a gap which resulted from the destruction of some of his ante bellum papers in a fire, especially the files of the newspaper which he edited at Rochester. Historians will be glad to learn from this calendar that copies of some of these papers have been drawn from other sources and preserved unto this day. From what is herein set forth should come stimulus to others to bring together a still larger number of documents bearing upon the ante bellum period and thus enable writers to produce a scientific account of Frederick Douglass and his times.

Frederick Douglass, as these documents clearly set forth, was the outstanding American of African blood during both the ante bellum and post bellum periods through which he lived. Prior to the war he functioned mainly as an abolitionist as did numbers of other Negro anti-slavery workers whose contribution to that reform has never been properly evaluated. At the same time Douglass was participating in other correlated efforts for the improvement of mankind—the temperance movement, the woman suffrage agit-



ation, prison reform, and the advocacy of the rights of labor. These documents show his interest in such issues.

Viewed as a whole, Douglass' career was that of a wise leader of statesman-like vision which few men of any race have surpassed. Douglass saw no solution of the Negro's problems in African colonization. He said, "Individuals emigrate but nations never." He would not follow William Lloyd Garrison slavishly, for there were other ways of reaching the same end to which the anti-slavery forces aspired. Douglass knew better than to endorse the plan of Henry Highland Garnett who, in an appeal to the leaders of the free people of color assembled at a convention at Buffalo in 1843, urged the Negroes to rise up and slay their masters. Douglass would not join John Brown who undertook to carry out the same plan at Harper's Ferry in 1859. Yet, when it became feasible to strike radically at slavery, Douglass gave the effort his wholehearted support and sent two of his sons to battle for freedom, while he himself recruited Negro soldiers throughout the North.

After the Civil War Douglass, like most Negroes, believed that he would have a chance to enjoy full freedom, and most assuredly it did seem so when Negroes were elected to high office and appointed as important functionaries in the Federal Government. He himself served as Marshal of the District of Columbia, Recorder of Deeds, and United States Minister to Haiti. It was not long, however, before Douglass became disillusioned and discovered that the Negro had only nominal freedom and that his fight for citizenship had just begun. Douglass was equal to the task as a leader in carrying forward the new program of freedom. Before the American public were distinguished Negroes who had served as educators, clergymen, and members of Congress, but none of them overshadowed Frederick Douglass.

Douglass believed that the Negro's salvation depended mainly upon his cooperation with the party that effected his freedom and early championed his cause. Douglass differed from John M. Langston and Richard Theodore Greener, who in



1879 advised the Negroes to continue their exodus from the South to the North. Douglass insisted that the Negroes should remain in the South where in large numbers they might some day become an economic and political factor—a thing which would be impossible if they migrated to various points in the North. Today students of politics question the wisdom of Douglass in advising Negroes politically, but they do this unsympathetically, without considering the circumstances obtaining at the time that Douglass lived. The perusal of the documents herein listed will enable the student of history to see Douglass in the proper light.

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Director of the Association  
for the Study of Negro Life  
and History.

December 10, 1940



## P R E F A C E

By authority of a Presidential letter, the Historical Records Survey of the Work Projects Administration was organized early in 1936 under the direction of Dr. Luther H. Evans.

The preparation of guides to private manuscript collections was undertaken by the District of Columbia Historical Records Survey late in 1937. The present calendar, compiled from the writings of Frederick Douglass in the Frederick Douglass Memorial Home in accordance with instructions issued by Sargent B. Child, National Director of the Historical Records Survey Projects, is the third of a series of guides to notable collections in the District. As such it is intended to aid in documenting the history of the Negro in America.

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THE FREDERICK DOUGLASS MEMORIAL HOME, ANACOSTIA, D. C.

1845                      To William Lloyd Garrison [ed., the Libera-  
Sep. 1                      tor].

Made speech on slavery in America, on board steamship Cambria, at request of a passenger and the captain; was threatened by a mob of "mobocratic" Americans on shipboard; captain of the ship quieted the mob by threatening to put them in chains. From Dublin [Ireland].

2 copies. 16 pp. [1]

1845                      To William Lloyd Garrison.

Sep. 16                      Was guest of R. D. Webb in Dublin; visit protracted in consequence of the publication of his Narrative; while there conferred with James and Thomas Webb and James Haughton, an abolitionist; hearts were made glad by receiving the Liberator and the [National Anti-slavery] Standard [Oliver Johnson, asso. ed.] though they related sad fate of Cassius M[arcellus] Clay's press [True American] (1) in Lexington, Ky.; can recall no occurrence of "mobocratic" violence against anti-slavery cause which has so chilled his hopes; has held four anti-slavery meetings. From Dublin [Ireland].

3 copies. 7 pp. [2]

1845                      To William Lloyd Garrison.

Sep. 29                      He is welcomed to the temperance platform in Ireland; attended repeal meeting held at Conciliation Hall, where [Daniel] O'Connell (2) [Irish patriot and orator] was present; O'Connell delivered speech on slavery in general and American slavery in particular; Hutchinson family rendered



"Soul-stirring" songs at his [Douglass'] anti-slavery meetings; one hundred copies of his newly published Narrative have been sold in Ireland; will lecture in Wexford, Waterford, and Cork. From Dublin [Ireland].

Copy. 11 pp.

[3]

1845

To William Lloyd Garrison.

Oct. 28

He was hailed in Cork as a temperance man, as well as an abolitionist; Father [Theobald] Mathew, saviour of Ireland from the curse of intemperance, gave a "soiree" as a token of sympathy and regard for him; was introduced to William O'Connor, who complained of Father Mathew's severity toward the distillers; Douglass, as well as one-half of the entire population of Cork, signed Father Mathew's temperance pledge. (3)  
From Cork [Ireland].

Copy. 13 pp.

[4]

1845

To Thurlow Weed [journalist].

Dec. 1

Thanks Weed for defending his conduct on British steamship Cambria while en route to England; spoke on board the Cambria from a sense of duty; object of his speech was to enlighten passengers who wished to be enlightened and to remove objections to emancipation and false impressions concerning slavery; was invited to do so by the commander and a "most respectable number" of passengers; English papers in favor of his views; "conduct of Americans who took part in the mob on board the Cambria was in keeping with base and cowardly spirit that animated mob in Lexington, Ky., which murderously undertook to extinguish the light of Cassius M[arcellus] Clay's noble paper [True American]." (4)

From Dublin, Ireland.

Copy. 7 pp.

[5]





- 1846  
Jan. 1                      To William L[loyd] Garrison.  
Tells of his visit to Belfast and Liverpool, and gives the views, feelings and opinions which he has formed respecting the character and condition of the people of Ireland; they gave him warm and generous cooperation; "thousands came to hear me speak on the cruel wrongs of my down-trodden and long-enslaved fellow-contrymen"; is accepted everywhere by the white race, and has no difficulty in obtaining admission to any place of worship or amusement; the press has given liberal cooperation. From Belfast, Ireland.  
Copy. 16 pp. [6]
- 1846  
Feb. 26                    To William L[loyd] Garrison.  
Sends a letter to be published in the Liberator in which he states that, "Although the Liberator was published for the overthrow of the slave system, it is not insensible to the evils and wrongs of the great family of man."  
From Montrose, Scotland.  
Copy. 1 p. (incomplete) [7]
- 1846  
Apr. 15                    To Horace Greeley [ed., New York Tribune].  
Thanks Greeley for his interest in his [Douglass'] work to abolish slavery; reports that an attempt has been made to misrepresent his sayings and motives in Scotland; the people of Scotland are sympathetic toward his views.  
From Glasgow, Scotland.  
Copy. 11 pp. [8]
- 1846  
Apr. 16                    To William Lloyd Garrison.  
Longs for his home; refutes testimony of his old masters; denounces brutal treatment suffered by him; he has been advised to make Britain his home, but would do so only if it became absolutely neces-



sary; will not return to America yet; "Scotland is in a blaze of anti-slavery agitation."

From Glasgow, Scotland.

Copy. 5 pp.

[9]

1846                      Speech before the Emancipation Society of  
Apr. 21                  Glasgow, Scotland: "The Trials and Tribulations  
of the Abolitionists of the United States."  
Glasgow, Scotland.

Copy. 16 pp.

[10]

1846                      Speech before a great anti-slavery meeting  
May 22                  at Finsbury Chapel [Moorfields]. (5)  
London, England.

Copy. 14 pp.

[11]

1846                      To the Editor of the Protestant Journal  
July 23                  [Belfast, Ireland].

Comments on an attack on him [Douglass] in an American newspaper, the Boston Traveler [Daily Evening Traveler, Ferdinand Andrews and George Punchard, eds.]; the article is essentially true, but he wishes to make some corrections, mainly that he will not stay in England, but will return to America "to spend and be spent in the cause of my outraged fellow-countrymen."

From Belfast, Ireland.

Copy. 3 pp.

[12]

1846                      To Isa [bell Jennings].  
July 29                  Regrets writing a letter in which slanderous remarks (6) made by Dr. [Thomas] Smyth were discussed.

From Edinburgh, Scotland.

Copy. 2 pp.

[13]



- 1846 To "Mary" [Belfast, Ireland].  
 July 30 Expresses his thanks for her hospitality  
 and gives his itinerary for the next two weeks.  
 From Edinburgh, Scotland.  
 Copy. 1 p. [14]
- 1846 To Eliza [Nicholson], "Grey Point", Belfast,  
 July 30 Ireland.  
 Deeply regrets not being able to visit Grey  
 Point.  
 3 copies. 1 p. [15]
- 1846 To "A Friend".  
 July 30 He has been selected as an agent for the  
 Scottish Anti-Slavery Society, and asks that his  
 mail be redirected.  
 From Edinburgh, Scotland.  
 Copy. 1 p. [16]
- 1846 To Isa[bel Jennings].  
 July 30 . Answers her letter of July 23rd expressing  
 regret that his letter made her angry; "am anx-  
 ious to atone for the evil which I have done."  
 From Edinburgh, Scotland.  
 2 copies. 1 p. [17]
- 1846 To William [A. White].  
 July 30 Recalls their friendship in the past, and  
 asks his advice about returning to America;  
 questions whether his former master could take  
 him from the "Old Bay State"; Rev. Thomas Smyth  
 has been kept out of every pulpit in Scotland,  
 and thinks that he [Douglass] is responsible  
 for it.  
 From Edinburgh, Scotland.  
 Copy. 4 pp. [18]



- 1846  
July 31                    To "A Friend" [New Castle, England].  
He is making plans for free church movement.  
From Edinburgh, Scotland.  
3 copies. 1 p. [19]
- 1846  
Aug. 1                    To Eliza Nicholson.  
Tells of his arrival in New Castle.  
From New Castle, England.  
Copy. 1 p. [20]
- 1846  
Aug. 1                    To William Smeal [Glasgow, Scotland].  
Slandorous documents, relating to him [Dou-  
glass] have not been retracted by [Dr. Thomas]  
Smyth.  
From New Castle, England.  
Copy. 1 p. [21]
- 1846  
Aug. 2                    To James Stanfield [Belfast, Ireland].  
He has received a letter of apology (7) from  
Dr. [Thomas] Smyth [for slanderous remarks made  
about him].  
From New Castle, England.  
Copy. 1 p. [22]
- 1846  
Aug. 3                    To "Sarah".  
Tells of his plans for visiting important  
towns in England and Scotland.  
From New Castle [England].  
Copy. 1 p. [23]
- 1846  
Sep. 22                    To Isabel Jennings.  
Calendars his "immediate endeavours" [speeches]  
in his anti-slavery campaign.  
From Glasgow, Scotland.  
Copy. 3 pp. [24]





- 1846  
Sep. 22 To "Margaret".  
Wishes to show her how well a "manifold"  
[letter press] works.  
From Glasgow, Scotland.  
Copy. 1 p. [25]
- 1847  
Apr. 27 To "A Friend", Albany, N. Y.  
Asks for an invitation to visit her and  
her sister in Albany.  
From Lynn, Mass.  
Copy. 1 p. [26]
- 1847  
Apr. 27 To "A Friend", Lynn, Mass.  
Will not be able to visit him in New Bedford  
before the Annual Meeting.  
From Lynn, Mass.  
Copy. 1 p. [27]
- 1848  
Jan. 12 To [Martin R.] Delany [co-ed., North Star  
and ed. of Mystery Magazine].  
His [Douglass'] paper [North Star] (8) must  
go to press again without a single line from his  
pen; requests him to send list of subscribers and  
money from Pittsburgh.  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 3 pp. [28]
- 1848  
Jan. 12 To Charles Joiner.  
Discusses "the uses of manifold letter  
writing."  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 1 p. [29]
- 1848  
Jan. 19 To [Martin R.] Delany.  
Acknowledges receipt of \$20; he is now  
boarding with Mrs. [Charles] Joiner.



From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 1 p.

[30]

1848

To "A Friend".

Apr. 28

Apologizes for delay in answering letter; recounts story of speaking tour for the Anti-Slavery Society; speaks of growth of his periodical [North Star].

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 2 pp. (incomplete)

[31]

1848

Address: The Presidency. (9)

[June]

Copy. 3 pp.

[32]

1848

Address: Northern Whigs and Democrats. (10)

July

Copy. 5 pp.

[33]

1848

Address: What are the colored people doing for themselves?

July

Copy. 4 pp.

[34]

1848

Address at a celebration in honor of Emancipation in the West Indies.

Aug. 1

Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 17 pp.

[35]

1848

Address on Samuel [Ringgold] Ward [Anti-slavery orator].

Copy. 4 pp.

[36]

1848

Address: France, "An example of the folly of oppression."

Copy. 3 pp.

[37]



- 1848 To "Phoebe".  
Shows how nicely he can write on his  
"manifold" [letter press].  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 1 p. [38]
- 1843 Address before the American Anti-  
Slavery Society.  
Copy. 4 pp. [39]
- 1849 Address before the Anti-Slavery Con-  
May 31 vention at Faneuil Hall.  
Boston, Mass.  
Copy. 44 pp. [40]
- 1852 To Mrs. Frances.  
Mar. 13 Regrets that he is unable to send her  
original copies of her husband's letters; he  
failed to preserve them.  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 1 p. [41]
- 1853 Address delivered at Broadway Taber-  
May 11 nacle on "present conditions and future pros-  
pects of the colored people in the United States."  
New York City.  
3 copies. 23 pp. [42]
- 1855 Extracts from an address by Douglass on  
Sep. 11 the occasion of the erection of a monument at  
Mexico, N. Y. to the memory of Asa S. Wing.  
Syracuse, N. Y.  
Copy. 20 pp. [43]
- 1855 Address before the Rochester Ladies' Anti-



Slavery Society. (11)  
Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 44 pp.

[44]

1857 Address on Dred Scott decision. (12)  
[May] New York, N. Y.

Copy. 20 pp.

[45]

1857 To the Secretary of the Edinburgh New  
July 9 Anti-Slavery Association.

Thanks them for the "five pounds in aid  
of the publication of his Anti-Slavery paper"  
and for their cooperation with Miss Griffiths;  
"the cause of the slave is a righteous and  
humane one."

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 3 pp.

[46]

1857 Address on West Indian emancipation. (13)  
Aug. 4 Commandigua, N. Y.

3 copies. 20 pp.

[47]

1863 Address: "Men of color, to arms." (14)  
Mar. 2

Copy. 4 pp.

[48]

1864 To Abraham Lincoln, President of the United  
Aug. 29 States.

Suggests seven points in a program by which  
the slaves of the "rebel" states may be brought  
within the "loyal" lines.

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 4 pp.

[49]

1864 To an English correspondent.

Sep. 16 Abolition of slavery a swindle; it is rees-





tablished in Louisiana; black soldiers not treated fairly by the Government.

Copy. 2 pp.

[50]

1864

To William Lloyd Garrison.

Sep. 17

Replies to Garrison concerning article in Liberator entitled "Frederick Douglass on President Lincoln"; article states that secessionist newspapers in Great Britain are publishing extracts from a letter of Douglass' which criticized policy of present administration toward the colored people; requests space in the Liberator, not to take back charges, but to remove inferences respecting his present political course. From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 3 pp.

[51]

1865

To W. J. Wilson.

Aug. 8

Declines to be an officer of the Educational Monument Association; approves a monument to Abraham Lincoln, to be erected by the colored people at their expense, but disapproves of a monument to Lincoln built with money contributed to them by white men; favors all institutions for education of the colored man, but opposes segregation.

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 5 pp.

[52]

1865

Lecture delivered before the Frederick Douglass Institute. Baltimore, Md.

Oct. 13

Copy. 15 pp.

[53]

1865

Second lecture of the course of Fraternity Lectures. Eulogy of the administration of President Lincoln and of his character.

Oct. 27



[Baltimore, Md.]

Copy. 3 pp.

[54]

1866

To Senator [James F.] Wilson [Iowa].

Sep. 12

Wilson was misinformed about Douglass' mentioning his name in Philadelphia before the Southern Convention or the New York Delegation. From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 3 pp.

[55]

1867

To "Gentlemen", Easton, Md.

June 22

Declines invitation to be present at Easton, Md., to assist in the celebration of the 92nd Anniversary of American Independence; has previous appointment. From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 4 pp.

[56]

1867

To Gerrit Smith, Rochester, N. Y.

Aug. 9

Has given his "deposition" in Smith's suit with the Chicago Tribune (15); was not cross-examined; John Brown never told him [Douglass] that he was about "to embark in a grand or unqualified insurrection"; did not know that Smith knew anything about Brown's guns or other weapons. (16)

A.L. 3 pp. (incomplete)

[57]

1867

To [?]

Aug. 12

Refuses a position in the Bureau [Freedmen's]; is sure his policies would conflict with those of the white man who is the Director [Brigadier General Oliver O. Howard]. (17) From Rochester, N. Y.

A.L. 2 pp.

[58]



- 1367                      Address on a "Composite Nation."  
Boston, Mass.  
Copy. 33 pp. [59]
- 1869                      To J. Sella Martin [ed., New National  
Apr. 5                      Era].  
Acknowledges an invitation to assume position as editor-in-chief of a newspaper; feels that he is not prepared to enter field of journalism with so small a capital as \$5,000; all Negro newspapers have failed, "less for want of literary ability than for business ability"; gives advice concerning financial arrangements for publishing paper.  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
A.L. 2 pp. [60]
- 1869                      To Miss [Clara] Barton [later president  
Apr. 10                      of American Red Cross, 1881-1904].  
Thanks for relating to him her interview with General [Benjamin F.] Butler [Congressman from Massachusetts]; commends her for opening an establishment in Washington, D. C., to give employment to destitute Negro women.  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
A.L. 2 pp. (incomplete) [61]
- 1869                      To Miss [Elizabeth L.] VanLew.  
Apr. 12                      Congratulates her on her appointment as postmistress [1869-1887] in Richmond, Va.  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 1 p. [62]
- 1869                      To [Ebenezer Don Carlos] Bassett [Penn-  
Apr. 13                      sylvania].  
Congratulates him on his appointment [United



States Minister to Haiti].

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 1 p.

[63]

1869

To George P. Downing [abolitionist].

Apr. 25

He neither sought nor desired the Haitian mission; glad that [Ebenezer Don Carlos] Bassett was successful candidate, but would have been equally glad had Downing obtained the position; resents announcements in newspapers that he had declined to accept the mission since he could not publicly decline an office which had not been officially tendered him.

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 4 pp.

[64]

1869

To Charles Sumner [American statesman and orator].

Apr. 29

Is grateful to Sumner for his speech on the Johnson-Clarendon Treaty (18); Sumner has long been considered the leading statesman in the Republic by a few people, and is now being acknowledged as such by the nation.

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 1 p.

[65]

1869

To "Sir".

May 24

Denies remarks, made at the [Stevens] Memorial Meeting in Washington, which were attributed to him; his knowledge of Thaddeus Stevens was derived from his acts and his speeches; Douglass heard him from the gallery of the House of Representatives.

From Rochester, N. Y.

Copy. 3 pp.

[66]





- 1870  
July 6 To Charles Sumner.  
Is deeply interested in Sumner's views on postage, and also the Chinese and the Cuban questions; thanks Sumner for sending him "important documents", among them, the eulogies pronounced on the late Senator [Samuel] Fessenden [from Maine].  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 4 pp. [67]
- 1871  
Apr. 3 To Hamilton Fish [Secretary of State].  
Notifies Fish that his work, as assistant secretary to the Commission on their tour of observation in the West Indies, is completed.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [68]
- 1871  
May 30 Address before a Memorial Day gathering, entitled "The Unknown at Arlington."  
Copy. 10 pp. [69]
- 1871  
July 26 To Cassius M[arcellus] Clay [ed., True American, later named Examiner].  
Writes in defense of the Republican Party.  
From Rochester, N. Y.  
Copy. 3 pp. [70]
- 1872  
June 2 Affidavit to William Denningburg concerning a fire in Douglass' home.  
Copy. 1 p. [71]
- 1872  
Oct. 26 To S[amuel] D. Porter [friend of Douglass].  
Will be pleased to sit for a bust which is to be placed in Rochester, N. Y.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [72]



- 1872  
Nov. 2. To Gen. O. E. Babcock.  
Thanks him for the "parcel of crocus and tulips"; "I see nothing in the outlook to complain of. The country will vindicate its friends and give fresh evidence to a skeptical world of the ability of the people to govern themselves."  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [73]
- 1872  
Nov. 7 To Samuel D. Porter.  
Sees no objection to the publication of the correspondence [concerning an artist, Mundy]; has given Mundy a copy of his [Porter's] letter with instructions to return it.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [74]
- 1873  
Mar. 29 To S. R. Scottern.  
Expresses sympathy with the revolutionary cause in Cuba; desires to make peace between the insurgents and the present government in Spain.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [75]
- 1873  
June 18 To Samuel D. Porter.  
Requests him to advertise and sell his [Douglass'] property in Rochester, N. Y. (19)  
Copy. 1 p. [76]
- 1873 Address before the Third Annual Fair of the Colored Agricultural and Mechanical Association.  
Nashville, Tenn.  
Copy. 19 pp. [77]



- 1874  
Jan. 27 To Editor of New National Era [J. Sella Martin].  
Congratulates him because the attempt to "extinguish" the New National Era failed.  
A.L.S. 2 pp. (incomplete) [78]
- 1874  
Feb. 12 To Hon. John Jay Knox, Comptroller of Currency, Washington, D. C.  
Gives an itemized statement of the liabilities of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company (20), requested by the comptroller.  
From Washington, D. C.  
2 signed copies. 1 p. [79]
- 1874  
Mar. 6 To W[illiam] H[enry] Furness [Unitarian clergyman and anti-slavery worker].  
Regrets that he cannot attend the Howard University Commencement exercises on July 10th.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [80]
- 1874  
Mar. 19 To Rev. Henry Highland Garnett [Presbyterian minister].  
Will accept duties of President of Freedman's Savings and Trust Company on April 1st.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. (incomplete) [81]
- 1874  
Mar. 30 To S. L. Harris.  
He will do all within his power to manage the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company efficiently.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [82]
- 1874  
Mar. 30 To S. L. Harris.  
His policy as President of Freedman's Sav-



ings and Trust Company will be "absolute honesty in management of, and opposition to the closing of, the bank."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[83]

1874

To "Sir".

Mar. 30

He needs more information before answering questions concerning the present conditions (21) and prospects of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company; asks him to deny any assertion that the bank, or any of its branches, will close.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[84]

1874

To R[obert Brown] Elliott [Congressman from South Carolina].

Apr. 15

He is proud of the speech made by Elliott on the death of Charles Sumner.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[85]

1874

To "My Friend".

Apr. 21

Speaks of the events of the day.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[86]

1874

To Mrs. Potter.

May 15

Regrets that he is unable to attend the "Free Religion Convention."

From Washington, D. C.

Df. 1 p. (incomplete)

[87]

1874

To Senator [Roscoe] Conkling [of New York].

May 23

Thanks Senator Conkling and Senator [George Franklin] Edmunds [Vermont] for their support of





the Civil Rights Bill.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[88]

1874

May 23

To Senator [Frederick Theodore] Frelinghuysen [of New Jersey].

Thanks him for his support and defense of the Civil Rights Bill; he is President of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company of Washington, D. C.; the bank is in bad condition.

Copy. 2 pp.

[89]

1874

May 23

To "Sir".

Expresses his joy at the passing of the Civil Rights Bill.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete)

[90]

1874

June 1

To "A Friend".

Acknowledges receipt of a parcel of cigars; expresses sympathy for his friend's sister.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[91]

1874

Aug. 20

To [Russell] Carpenter.

Commends Carpenter on an article he has written in the Inquirer.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[92]

1874

Nov. 12

To Senator [Samuel Clarke] Pomeroy [of Kansas].

Asks his influence in retaining Mariana Gibbons of Lancaster County, Pa., as matron of Howard University.



From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[93]

1875 Address entitled "The Color Question."

July 5 Hillsdale, Pa.

Copy. 7 pp.

[94]

1875 Address before the Centennial Celebration  
of the Abolition Society of Pennsylvania.

Copy. 11 pp.

[95]

1876 Address before Colored Republicans.

Mar. 14 Washington, D. C.

Copy. 6 pp.

[96]

1876 Address before a gathering in Lincoln Park  
Apr. 14 [Washington, D. C.] on the occasion of the unveil-  
ing of the Freedman's Monument in memory of Abra-  
ham Lincoln. (22)

Washington, D. C.

Copy. 31 pp.

[97]

1876 To B. H. Warner.

May 1 Acknowledges his note offering to release  
the land at the corner of U and 17th Streets  
for \$2,000; states that the sum is unjust.  
From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[98]

1876 Address on "The National Capitol."

3 copies. 1-36 pp., 1-97 pp., 1-85 pp. [99]

1877 To "My Friend".

Dec. 21 Requests him to thank "Alice" for her let-



ter; he will see Joseph Jefferson [in "Rip Van Winkle"], who is playing to a crowded house in Washington, D. C. [National Theatre]

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[100]

1878

To "Sir".

Apr. 8

Does not recall which paper he is referring to; has written much in the last 36 years and some of the material is not available; he is sending the material he has.

From Washington, D. C.

A.L.S. 1 p. (inclosure missing)

[101]

1878

Address before a Memorial Day gathering at Madison Square Garden.

May

New York City.

2 copies. 1-12 pp., 1-15 pp.

[102]

1878

Address: "The Exodus",

Copy. 5 pp. (incomplete)

[103]

1879

Address on the death of William Lloyd Garrison. (23)

June 2

37 copies. 8 pp.

[104]

1880

Article comparing conditions in the United States after Emancipation with those of other countries.

Aug. 4

Copy. 19 pp.

[105]

1880

Address on the Colored Schools of Baltimore, Md.

[Dec.]

Published in New York Times, Dec. 27, 1880.

Copy. 17 pp.

[106]



- 1850                      Address before the voters of New York  
State on behalf of [Alonzo B.] Cornell's can-  
didacy for Governor of New York.  
Copy. 21 pp. [107]
- 1881                      Address when presenting a standard of  
Feb. 24 colors to the Tuscoe Jonkling Club.  
Copy. 5 p. [108]
- 1881                      To Rev. Russell L[ant] Carpenter.  
Apr. 30 Introduces the Rev. [Benjamin Tucker]  
Tanner, editor of the Christian Recorder, which  
is the organ of the African Methodist Episcopal  
Church; acknowledges receipt of the biography  
of his brother, Philip [Carpenter]. (24)  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. [109]
- 1881                      To Charles Devens.  
May 23 Thanks him for his letter of congratula-  
tion upon his [Douglass'] confirmation as Re-  
corder of Deeds, and also for the good word he  
spoke to the President of the United States  
[Garfield] concerning him.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [110]
- 1881                      To "Sir" [W. P. Fessenden].  
Oct. 10 He remembers Fessenden's grandfather, Gen.  
Samuel Fessenden, of Portland, Me., whom he met  
"thirty years ago" at City Hall in Portland;  
hopes that the anti-slavery part of his life  
will be written in his memoirs.  
Copy. 4 pp. [111]
- 1881                      To Sylvester [M.] Betts.  
Oct. 30 Demands that his Life [and Times of Fred-





erick Douglass] be published without illustrations for Northern circulation; reminds him that he said nothing about illustrations in the contract; hopes an injunction against publishing the book in its present form will not be necessary.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[112]

1882

To [Sylvester] M. Betts.

Jan. 28

Discusses a contract with the Park Publishing Company in regard to his book, Life and Times of Frederick Douglass.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[113]

1882

To Mrs. [Elizabeth Cady] Stanton [reformer, leader in Woman's Rights Movement].

Feb. 6

Gives the page in the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass on which the proceedings of the National Loyalist Convention can be found [pp. 348-349].

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 4 pp.

[114]

1882

To Godlove Orth [Congressman from Indiana].

Feb. 14

Discusses the two bills pending before Congress [D. C. Bills 2933 and 2934], which will, if enacted, materially affect the office of the Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia, and will impose new conditions and burdens on the Recorder.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 9 pp.

[115]

1882

To [George P.] Downing [abolitionist].

Mar. 13

Regrets that he cannot intercede with Pres-



ident [Chester Alan] Arthur for a government position for him [Downing].

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[116]

1332

To [John M.] Matthews.

Sen. 20

Discusses appointment of [John Mercer] Langston [Congressman from Virginia and Acting President of Howard University] as a Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[117]

1332

Oct. 13

To Rev. C. S. Smith [later, Bishop of A.M.E.C.]

Sends congratulations on letter read at a tricentennial celebration of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[118]

1883

May 4

To Ellen M. O'Conner.

Myrtilla Miner, founder of the normal school for Negro girls [Miner Teachers College] in Washington, D. C., visited him at his printing office in Rochester, N. Y. thirty years ago; she told him then she was on her way to Washington to found her school, despite the fact that Washington was the "citadel of slavery"; if she [Ellen O'Conner] will write an account of the life and work of this pioneer woman, he offers to write "a leaf for her book."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 6 pp.

[119]

1883

Aug. 28

To B[lanche] K. Bruce [Senator from Mississippi].

Requests him to send a note, in his own handwriting, contradicting statements that some of the "maligners" are circulating to the discredit of Bruce and Douglass; reports say that Bruce sympathizes with [attorney] Richard T. Greener's attack on him [Douglass]; "a note from you will do much to silence calumny and stamp out falsehood and malice."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[120]

1883

Sep. 24

Address: The Relation Existing Between the White and Colored People of the United States. Washington, D. C.

Copy. 68 pp.

[121]

1883

Oct. 4

To "Sir".

He is not ashamed of his words and works at the Louisville [Kentucky, National] Convention [of Colored Men].

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[122]

1883

Oct. 22

Address before the Civil Rights meeting held at Lincoln Hall.

Washington, D. C.

3 copies. 53 pp.

[123]

1883

Oct.

Address before the National Convention of Colored Men.

Louisville, Ky.

3 copies. 19 pp.

[124]

1883

Nov. 26

To John [E.] M[arshall] Harlan, Justice of the United States Supreme Court.



Approves Justice Harlan's dissenting opinion (25) on the decision, arrived at by eight judges, pronouncing Sections 1 and 2 of the Civil Rights Act unconstitutional.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete)

[125]

1884

To A. V. W. Vannechten.

Aug. 27

Has not seen the article in the Tribune, to which he referred; "the utterance must be something drawn from me by an interviewer."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[126]

1884

To the Editor of the New York Globe [T.

Aug. 30

Thomas Fortune].

Thanks the editor and [attorney] D. A[ugustus] Straker for the generous notice they gave the late Robert Brown Elliott; "he might have been an ordinary Negro, one who might have delivered as I have done, with spade and pick-axe. Yet from under his dark brow there blazed an intellect worthy of a place in the highest Legislative Hall of the Nation."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[127]

1885

To Grover Cleveland, President of the

Jan. 5

United States.

Requests President Cleveland to accept his resignation as Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia; expresses appreciation of Cleveland's consideration in allowing him to choose the time and manner of retiring from office.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[128]



- 1885  
Jan. 28 To Oliver Johnson [anti-slavery leader].  
Acknowledges his letter and book, Life and Times of William Lloyd Garrison; will direct publisher to send him a copy of Life and Times of Frederick Douglass; informs him that Miss [Otilia] Assing [publisher of German translation - My Bondage and My Freedom] died in Paris last August and left him a legacy.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 3 pp. [129]
- 1885  
Jan. 28 To Oliver Johnson, [ed., New York Weekly Tribune, 1870-73].  
Congratulates him on his 75th birthday, and expresses respect for the band of abolitionists led by William Lloyd Garrison, with whom Johnson cooperated; this is Douglass' wedding anniversary, he married Helen Pitts (26) one year ago.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Typed copy. 3 pp. [130]
- 1885  
Jan. 29 To [H. L.] Wayland [Philadelphia, Pa.]  
Thanks him for copy of the National Baptist which contained an article on John Brown; he recalls meeting John Brown in Worcester when Brown was interested in an effort to make Kansas a free State; Brown was a visitor in his home in Rochester during the Kansas excitement.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 4 pp. [131]
- 1885  
Jan. 31 To Henry Beigh.  
Thanks him for a copy of the will of Otilia Assing; regrets Beigh's inability to qualify as executor.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [132]





- 1885  
Jan. 31                      To J. R. Koehler.  
He has received a copy of the will of Otilia Assing from Henry Beigh; the will is on file in the office of Surrogate of Hudson County; desires to confer with Koehler.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [133]
- 1885  
Feb. 27                      To John D. Long [Congressman from Massachusetts].  
There is no statute under which he claims reimbursement for expenditures for the Recorder's Office of the District of Columbia; heretofore, claim has been made in the Sundry Civil Bill; requests him to get the item into the Sundry Civil Bill.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [134]
- 1885  
July 16                      To Herman [C.] Kudlich.  
Asks if Kudlich has qualified as administrator of the estate of Otilia Assing and, if so, has he paid one of the legatees money?  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. [135]
- 1885  
Oct. 22                      To the Editor of the New National Era [J. Sella Martin, Washington, D. C.]  
Requests space in the New National Era to congratulate Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton [reformer and leader in Woman's Rights Movement] on her 70th birthday; hopes she will live to see the fulfillment of her hopes and labors for the emancipation and enfranchisement of women.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [136]



1885 . To the Century Magazine, New York; C.  
Nov. 4 H. Scribner, ed.]

He has given little thought to international copyright; is unable to give information as to the form and features which such a law should embody; favors any copyright law which will protect the rights of authors, but which does not restrict the spread of knowledge.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[137]

1886 To [Anna W.] Shackleton.

Jan. 26 Acknowledges her letter; tells of his works; "for forty years I have exerted my hand, heart, voice and pen to some avail; the slave is free and is a citizen, though he is still subject to persecution."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[138]

1886 To A. Calstrom.

Feb. 8 He neither chews, smokes, takes snuff nor drinks whiskey; wishes Calstrom "Godspeed" in his effort to promote the cause of total abstinence; is opposed to secret agencies or organizations which segregate Colored people.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[139]

1886 To G. F. Howe.

Mar. 12 Acknowledges he has resigned the office of Recorder of Deeds for the District of Columbia; was willing to stay and just as willing to go when asked.

From Washington, D. C.

A.L.S. 1 p.

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1836

Apr. 19

To [Mary A.] Livermore.

Acknowledges an invitation to hear William Lloyd Garrison's paper on the late Mrs. Maria [W]ilston [Chapman] [co-ed., Liberator], who helped him after his escape from slavery; remembers seeing her with William Lloyd Garrison, Edmund Quincy, Frances Jackson, Joseph Southwick, and C. K. Whipple when they were devising some means of carrying on the Abolition movement; considers her one of the noblest women Massachusetts gave to the cause of humanity.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[141]

1886

May 1

To [William Lloyd] Garrison.

Glad that Garrison's name is connected with the effort to release Theodore D[wight] Weld (27), "who worked for many years for the anti-slavery cause"; Weld's Testimony of a Thousand Witnesses did as much for the cause of the slave in early times as Uncle Tom's Cabin did in later years; regrets to learn of the death of Mrs. Phillips.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[142]

1886

May 10

To Dr. [Jeremiah Eames] Rankin [President of Howard University].

He has received a letter from Dr. [Sherwood] Eddy [Y.M.C.A. leader] in Atlanta, Ga., telling of the dedication of a Colored Congregational chapter there; Dr. Eddy stated that the two races would not unite to any great extent, inasmuch as it has been tried in various places, and failed; Douglass believes that this is a sad confession of the "impotency" of Christian faithfulness and love.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete)

[143]



- 1386                      Address before National Woman's Suffrage  
May 24                      Association.  
                                2 copies. 1-13 pp., 1-11 pp.                      [144]
- 1386                      To Dr. [Charles B.] Purvis.  
July 3                      He admired Dr. Purvis' father [Vice-President, National Anti-Slavery Society]; thinks it is an ungenerous act on Purvis' part to try to have Douglass removed from office[?].  
From Washington, D. C.  
                                Copy. 2 pp. (incomplete)                      [145]
- 1886                      To W. H. Thomas.  
July 16                      Acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Negro, and regrets that he is unable to contribute articles for it; states that what Thomas calls the Negro problem is a misnomer, and should be called the white man's problem; discusses the unjust distinction made between the races.  
From Washington, D. C.  
                                Copy. 3 pp.                      [146]
- 1887                      Address on "Paris and French Life."  
Jan. 28                      Copy. 24 pp.                      [147]
- 1887                      To Helen [Pitts] Douglass, New York, N. Y.  
June 28                      Describes his sojourn in Scotland; expresses hope that she will find conditions "civil if not cordial" at her relatives' home [Honeoye, N. Y.], but reminds her that Cedar Hill [his home in Anacostia] is always open to her.  
From Carlisle [Scotland].  
                                Copy. 6 pp.                      [148]
- 1887                      To "A Friend".  
July 9                      He arrived safely in Bridport, where he





was met by Carpenter.  
 From Bridport, England.  
 A.L.S. 2 pp.

[149]

1887 To Helen [Pitts] Douglass, New York.  
 July 12 Speaks of prolonging his visit to Eng-  
 land; hopes she "will bear herself, not proudly,  
 but with her own dignity wherever she goes in  
 Honeoye, N. Y., and will neither be ashamed of  
 herself nor her husband."  
 From Bridport, England.  
 A.L.S. 8 pp.

[150]

1887 To Rev. T. G. Steward.  
 July 27 Acknowledges receipt of a letter, inviting  
 him to a formal reception at the Metropolitan  
 [African] M[ethodist] Church in Washington; as-  
 sures him that he will meet his fellow-citizens  
 at the reception one week after his return home,  
 about the middle of August.  
 From Dublin, Ireland.

A.L. 2 copies. 1 p. (incomplete) [151]

1887 To Mrs. Stronce.  
 Sep. 3 He read her memorandum of agreement with  
 the trustees of the Institution for Education  
 of Colored Youth; gives her advice as to estab-  
 lishing the school; hesitates to sign agreement  
 with her and the trustees because he does not  
 know that the property referred to belongs to  
 the trustees; gives suggestions concerning addi-  
 tional courses to be taught in the school.  
 From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 4 pp. [152]

1887 To H[erman] C. Kudlich.  
 Sep. 14 Thanks him for his aid in trying to find



the missing truck; gives additional information concerning it.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete) [153]

1887

To [Cornelius] Newton Bliss.

Oct. 5

Regrets that his health compels him to decline Bliss' call for him to take the platform in support of the Republican Party; pledges his support and influence; expresses gratitude for what that party has done for the Negro.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 4 pp. [154]

1888

Address before the Republican League.

Feb. 5

Washington, D. C.

Copy. 10 pp. [155]

1888

To Mrs. [Fanny] Byse.

Mar. 26

He has searched for the highly prized prayer book which she gave him in Paris, but cannot find it; gives news of his family and says that he and his wife plan to go to Europe.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 1 p. (Incomplete) [156]

1888

To Mrs. [Caroline L.] Putnam.

Apr. 14

She "misapprehended his relation to the International Council of Women"; likes to think of Mrs. Holly as she was when he met her years before in Buffalo, but now she refuses to recognize him; asks Mrs. Putnam if she is just in resenting the fact that he did not mention Mrs. Holly in his talk, since many other excellent women were also not mentioned.



From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[157]

1888

Apr. 26

To P[ost] M[aster], [John L. Brendlinzer  
(28)] Bolivar, Westmoreland Co., Pa.

Asks if Mrs. Anna Moore lives in Bolivar,  
and if so, what her "pecuniary circumstances"  
are.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[158]

1888

Apr. 26

To [George M.] Arnold.

Regrets that his "financial condition  
makes it necessary for him to decline the pro-  
posal" made by Arnold.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L.C. 3 pp.

[159]

1888

June 5

To Hon. Benjamin Harrison.

Requests that, if elected to the presi-  
dency, he will consider favorably his applica-  
tion for the position of Recorder of Deeds [for  
the District of Columbia].

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L. 3 pp.

[160]

1888

July 1

To Messrs. Boston, Freeman and Jones.

He is happy to respond to every call of  
duty to his country and people, but due to his  
disapproval of the method of selecting delegates  
to the Republican Convention in Chicago, he must  
decline to take the position assigned to him in  
the demonstration to be held in front of the  
Perry Carson Hotel on Pennsylvania Avenue [Wash-  
ington, D. C.]

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[161]



- 1388 To J[ohn] W. Cromwell [ed., Peoples Advo-  
July 23 cate].  
He had no knowledge of his son's alleged application to the National Committee for funds to establish a newspaper; he knew nothing of it until he received Cromwell's intimation it had been done.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [162]
- 1888 To Theodore C. Ray.  
July 23 Regrets that he cannot attend the celebration at Harper's Ferry on the 24th anniversary of the Battle of the Crater [Petersburg].  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [163]
- 1888 To J. D. Tomlin [rental agent].  
July 27 Asks Tomlin to account for \$109.97 which was to have been used to correct defective sewerage in one of Douglass' houses.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 3 pp. [164]
- 1888 To D. A[ugustus] Straker [attorney].  
Aug. 2 He has read Straker's answer to Dr. Watson's appeal to Colored men to vote the Democratic ticket; thinks it would amount to treason for any Colored man to cast his vote for that party; hopes to speak to the people of Indiana in the fall.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
2 copies. 1-4 pp., 1-1 p. [165]
- 1888 To the Editor of the Evening Critic  
Aug. 11 [Richard H. Sylvester].





The editor has imputed to President Cleveland motives more discreditable and disrespectful than anything Douglass has ever said, thought, or felt concerning him; he never thought that President Cleveland retained him in office after his inauguration for ulterior motives.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[166]

1888

Aug. 12

To Hiram Pitts [father-in-law].

Requests him to remove his cow from Douglass' premises; he is not responsible for demands made upon him for damages.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[167]

1888

Aug. 15

To the Citizens of the State of Virginia and voters of the Fourth Congressional District.

Will try to answer their inquiry of August 14th to the best advantage of the Republican Party; realizes that the subject is a delicate one because it brings up the "color question"; admits that every defeat of the Republican Party results in a lowering of the political rights of the Negro; while he has nothing to say against the ability of John Mercer Langston, who is Colored, he thinks "no encouragement should be given to any man whose mad political ambition would imperil the success of the Republican Party in any section of the country"; he cannot recommend Langston for nomination.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 7 pp.

[168]

1888

Aug. 20

To McNaughton and Taylor, Rochester, N. Y.  
 Regrets that Mrs. Lynn has met with an



accident; J. D. Tonlin [rental agent] is responsible for the condition of the house in which the accident occurred.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[169]

1838

Aug. 20 N. Y.

To McNaughton and Taylor, Rochester,

Refers them to the Hon. John Voorhis [Congressman from New York] to attend to matters concerning Mrs. Lynn.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 1 p.

[170]

1838

Aug. 26

To J. S. Clarkson.

Acknowledges receipt of letter of 21st [of August], informing him that the National Committee of the Republican Party wishes him to make political speeches.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L. 1 p. (incomplete)

[171]

1838

Sep. 3

To Editor of the Cleveland Gazette [H. C. Smith], Cleveland, Ohio.

He has read the denunciation of his [Douglass'] letter which Smith printed and sent to the Republicans of the 4th District of Virginia; dares Smith to print his entire letter; hopes it is not true that Smith attempted to sell one of his letters to the Republican Party for \$200.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

[172]

1833

Oct. 3

To J. S. Clarkson.

He has made political speeches in Indiana



and Michigan; his expenses in these two states, including the trip from Washington, were \$140; will have to cancel speeches in Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin, because of illness.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[173]

1888

To [William J. McPherson].

Oct. 3

Requests McPherson to send him a bill for attempting a settlement with Mrs. Lynn.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[174]

1888

To William H. Dupree, B. R. Wilson, and C. M. Chamberlain.

Oct. 5

"Little nervous force left after the Republican campaign"; regrets that he cannot speak in [Boston] Massachusetts at the unveiling of the Monument [Boston Common, November 14, 1888] in commemoration of Crispus Attucks (29) and others who were massacred in State Street on March 5, 1770.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L. 3 pp.

[175]

1888

To [Major] R. R. Wright [president of Citizens and Southern Bank, Philadelphia, Pa]

Nov. 30

Feels honored that Wright has suggested him as a member of [President Benjamin Harrison's] Cabinet.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

[176]

1888

Address: Eulogy on William Lloyd Garrison, pioneer of the Anti-Slavery movement.



2 copies. 1-12 p., 1-6 p.

[177]

1883

Address: The Convict System of our Southern States.

Copy. 49 pp. (incomplete)

[178]

1888

Address on the Presidential Election.

Copy. 16 pp

[179]

1889

Mar. 7

To Benjamin Harrison [President of the United States].

Applies for Office of Recorder of Deeds in the District of Columbia.

From Washington, D. C.

4 copies. 1 p. (incomplete)

[180]

1889

June 25

To James G. Blaine [Secretary of State].

Accepts the appointment of Minister and Consul to Haiti.

A.L.S. 2 pp.

[181]

1889

July 1

To William D. Matthews.

Does not understand Matthews' attack on him.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L.S. 3 pp.

[182]

1889

July 8

To James G. Blaine [Secretary of State].

Encloses, as advised by the Department of State, his bond as Consul General of the United States to the Republic of Haiti; also his oath of allegiance.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 1 p.

[183]





- 1889  
July 13 To [Ebenezer] Don Carlos Bassett [United States Minister to Haiti, 1869-77].  
Regrets that he has not seen Blaine [Secretary of State] in regard to the appointment of Bassett to a Consulship at St. Thomas but suggests other plans relative to the appointment.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. [184]
- 1889  
July 25 To Lucy Stone Blackwell.  
Expresses thanks for newspaper clippings and her confidence in his appointment; sends best wishes for Woman Suffrage cause.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
3 copies. 1 p. [185]
- 1889  
Aug. 3 To Rev. Fred[erick] May Holland [author].  
He will forward speeches and addresses as soon as they have been revised.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Df. unsigned. 4 pp. [186]
- 1889  
Sep. 21 To A. R. Yates, Captain, U.S.N. [Commander of Pensacola].  
Thanks him for offering conveyance to him and his family on the Pensacola.  
From Washington, D. C.  
A.L. 2 pp. [187]
- 1889  
Sep. 30 To Alvey A. Adee.  
Thanks him for dispatches directing him how he is to be conveyed to Port-au-Prince; will bring the matter of the "award made in favor of the United States Government in the case of Charles Adrian Van Bokkelen" to the attention of



the Haitian Government whenever possible.  
From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L. 1 p.

[138]

1889 To Lewis Douglass [son].  
Oct. 7 Describes his voyage; sends greetings  
to family.

From "200 miles from Port-au-Prince."

Copy. 3 pp.

[189]

1889 To A. Firmin, Secretary of State for  
Dec. 2 Foreign Affairs.

Acknowledges \$60,000 award to the gov-  
ernment of the United States from the Governor  
of Haiti in the case of Charles [Adrian] Van  
Bokkelen [judgment for false imprisonment].  
From Legation of United States, Port-au-Prince,  
Haiti.

Copy. 4 pp.

[190]

1889 Address on his tour in Europe.  
4 copies. 1-13 pp., 1-31 pp.,  
1-32 pp., 1-34 pp.

[191]

1890 To A. Firmin [Secretary of State for  
July 16 Foreign Affairs].

Hopes to bring to a satisfactory con-  
clusion the unsettled affair of the capture of  
the Haitian Republic, an American steamer cap-  
tured by the Dessalines, a Haitian war vessel,  
on October 21, 1888.

From Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

2 copies. 1-1 p., 1-4 pp.

[192]

1890 To James G. Blaine [Secretary of State,  
July 16 Washington, D. C.]



Hopes that means can be adopted, by which the widow of the late Charles A[drian] Van Bokkelen will receive the benefit of his award in full.

From Fort-au-Prince, Haiti.

Copy. 3 pp.

[193]

1890

Aug. 4

To William F. Wharton [Assistant Secretary of State].

Acknowledges receipt of a letter from Wharton stating that he is aware that on October 5, 1885, Nathaniel Niles received two instalments on Van Bokkelen's award [damage suit], amounting to \$11,375.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L. 1 p.

[194]

1890

Aug. 26

To James G. Blaine, Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Transmits to Blaine the "inclosed sight draft from Juan Reed, Vice Consul at Santo Domingo, on New York against Muller Schall and Company, for \$170.34, the July dividend of the claim of C. E. Frary acknowledged in foreign debt of the Dominican Republic, and to be paid by the overtax of the 2% sum realized from \$214.63 in Mexican silver, the exchange being 76%.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. "No. 93 Diplomatic Series." [195]

1890

Oct. 4

To Mrs. Hannah Pease.

He cannot forget her kindness to him and asks her to visit him before he sails for Haiti.

From Anacostia, D. C.

A.L.S. 4 pp.

[196]



- 1890  
Oct. 6 To Senator H. W. Blair.  
Thanks Blair for sending him a copy of his [Blair's] speech on "Suffrage for the Citizens of the District of Columbia"; has not left for Haiti but is going soon.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
A.L.S. 4 pp. [197]
- 1890  
Oct. 14 To John R. Lynch, Rev. J. H. Beckett, Rev. Walter H. Brooks, Rev. Francis J. Grimke, Dr. John R. Francis, R. H. Gleaves, P. H. Carson, R. H. Tirrell and H. H. Williams, Washington, D. C.  
Accepts their invitation to speak on the "Negro Problem", in Washington, before he sails for Haiti.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
A.L. 4 pp. [198]
- 1890  
Nov. 1 To R. L. Carpenter.  
His trip to Haiti was delayed; he met Joseph Richardson, relative of the Richardsons of New Castle [England], who raised the money to ransom him from slavery.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
A.L. 3 pp. [199]
- 1890  
Nov. 21 To Deane.  
Although he is not a denominational man, he is interested in the success of the First Congregational Church [Washington, D. C.] because of the stand it took on the racial question twenty years ago.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 4 pp. [200]
- 1891  
Jan. 6 To James G. Blaine [Secretary of State].  
Firmin, the Haitian Minister of Foreign





affairs, has complained that the New York Sun stated that President Hyppolite [of Haiti] had promised to grant a coaling station at the Mole, St. Nicholas; he [Douglass] felt authorized to state that the United States Government would be willing to acquire by lease, rent, or purchase, a coaling station there; wishes to discuss with Firmin the disposition of his government on this subject.

From Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Copy. 4 pp. "Private and Confidential."

[201]

1891 To [A.] Firmin [Haitian Minister of Foreign  
Jan. 9 affairs].

Requests Firmin to give him some information concerning the Haitian government and the so-called Clyde [steamship-coaling station] concession; desires to know the facts in order to deal intelligently with Captain Reed, who claims to be the agent of William F. Clyde.

From Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Copy. 1 p.

[202]

1891 To James G. Blaine [Secretary of State,  
Jan. 27 Washington, D. C.]

He has urged the Haitian government to end unjust delays imposed upon United States vessels in Haitian ports; has endeavored to carry out wishes of President Harrison in respect to a coaling station at the Mole, St. Nicholas; has received orders from Rear Admiral Cheradi, and is in accord with them, but cannot insist that they be carried out; is ready to offer his resignation of the Commission [Minister to Haiti].

From Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Copy. 2 pp. (incomplete)

[203]



1891 To A[sa] C. Matthews, Comptroller [First  
July 3 Comptroller of the Treasury].

Acknowledges receipt of Matthews' letter of June 30th and explains discrepancy in his [Douglass'] account.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[204]

1891 To William F. Wharton, Acting Secretary  
July 18 of State, Washington, D. C.

Tenders to Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States, his resignation as Minister Resident and Consul General of the United States to Haiti and Charge d'Affaires to Santo Domingo.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[205]

1891 To Rev. Alexander Battiste.

Aug. 10 July instalment on Frary claim received and will be forwarded to State Department; fears that the refusal to lease the Mole [St. Nicholas] will be the cause of a national quarrel with Haiti; regrets he was forced to resign for personal reasons, but is still Minister Resident and Consul General to the Republic of Haiti until President Harrison accepts his resignation; will recommend him [Battiste] to his successor in Haiti, as an excellent worker.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 3 pp.

[206]

1891 To [John B.] Ferris [Vice-Consul General  
Aug. 11 to Haiti].

"Personal consideration has induced me to resign"; glad that Dr. Ferris has settled the tramway question satisfactorily with Crane and the Haitian government; since he has resigned as



Minister to Haiti, he is in a position to defend his action concerning the Mole [St. Nicholas] question.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[207]

1891

Aug. 12

To William F. Wharton [Acting Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.]

Acknowledges receipt of draft for \$144.05 in payment of the July instalment on the Frary claim.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[208]

1891

Aug. 13

To F. L. Barnett.

Resents his treatment in connection with the negotiations for a United States Naval Station at the Mole, St. Nicholas; thanks Barnett for his offer to try to vindicate him before the public; has written an article for the North American Review, giving a truthful version of the "Mole affair." (30)

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[209]

1891

Aug. 14

To E. W. Halford [private secretary to President Benjamin Harrison], Cape May Point, N. H.

Wishes to see the President of the United States [Harrison] to discuss the state of affairs in Haiti; requests Halford to assure President Harrison that Douglass understood the sentiments expressed to him at the White House before leaving on his mission to Haiti.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 1 p.

[210]



1891  
Aug. 29 To William [F.] Wharton, Acting Secretary  
of State, Washington, D. C.

Acknowledges receipt of Wharton's letter of August 28th; the State Department has received the draft for his salary as Minister to Haiti, up to August 11, 1891; asks that he support the same by an account, as draft will not be paid by the Treasury until account is furnished.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[211]

1891  
Aug. 30 Article for the North American Review on  
negotiations with Haiti.

Copy. 2 pp. (incomplete)

[212]

1891  
Sep. 16 To [Benjamin F.] Auld [son of Douglass'  
former owner].

Acknowledges his letter informing him of the death of Auld's brother, Thomas; asks for information concerning their father during his shipbuilding career, as he is writing a sketch of his life which will be incorporated in an encyclopædia.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[213]

1891  
Oct. 13 Address before the Metropolitan [A.M.E.]  
Church congregation.

Washington, D. C.

Copy. 21 pp.

[214]

1891  
Oct. 28 To Rev. J. W. Bookett.

Will not join the A.M.E. Metropolitan Church because he does not feel it is his duty "to join any one of the many sects now arrogating to themselves the title of The Church of





Christ and considering all outsiders of them ashamed of Jesus'; he attends church because he feels the A.M.E. Metropolitan Church is "doing good to our people in many ways for time and eternity."

A.L. 1 p. (incomplete)

[215]

1891 To J[eremiah] M[cLain] Rusk [Secretary of  
Nov. 24. Agriculture].

Requests him to find employment in the Agricultural Bureau for Miss Nellie Jenkins, a member of the family to which he belonged as a slave in Maryland.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Df. 1 p.

[216]

1892 To [Ben] Butterworth [Congressman from  
Jan. 20 Ohio].

Although he is in favor of observing Sunday as a day of rest, he is equally in favor of keeping the gates of the World's Columbian Exposition open on Sunday.

From Anacostia, D. C.

L.S. 2 pp.

[217]

1892 To [Florvil] Hyppolite, President of  
Feb. 11 Haiti.

Acknowledges receipt of a portrait of the President of Haiti; thanks him for his approval of an address he [Douglass] made concerning Haiti; is delighted Hyppolite has been able to circumvent and defeat schemes against the peace and progress of Haiti.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 1 p.

[218]



- 1892  
Mar. 21 To the Honorable Secretary of Foreign Affairs [D. Archin], Port-au-Prince [Haiti].  
Informs the government of Haiti that he will accept appointment as one of the two Haitian Commissioners [to the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago] and attend the meeting[?].  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [219]
- 1892  
Apr. 1 To J. Archin, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Haiti.  
Discusses methods of presenting the Haitian exhibit at the Columbian Exposition; suggests that all exhibits be collected at one place, rather than distributed throughout the Fair.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
A.L. 2 pp. [220]
- 1892  
Apr. 25 To Dablimar J. Joseph, Secretary of Public Works, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.  
Acknowledges receipt of \$1,000 from Charles A. Preston, other Commissioner from Haiti, to be used at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
A.L. 1 p. [221]
- 1892  
Apr. 25 To Dablimar J. Joseph, Minister of Public Works, Port-au-Prince, Haiti.  
Is informed that the space allotted to the Argentine Republic at the Columbian Exposition has been canceled; has been advised to make immediate application for the space for the exhibits of the Haitian Government.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [222]



- 1892 To William E. Curtis.  
May 3 Will meet Curtis [in charge of exhibits at the Columbian Exposition] on Saturday morning to discuss space to be used for the Haitian exhibits.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [223]
1892. To Charles A. Preston [Commissioner from  
June 4 Haiti to the World's Columbian Exposition].  
Thinks \$15 a day traveling expenses would be questioned by the Haitian government; is unable to comply with Preston's request for a loan.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [224]
- 1892 To Charles A. Preston [Commissioner from  
June 18 Haiti to the World's Columbian Exposition].  
Preston's plan for a Pavilion of Haiti to be placed in the grounds at the World's Columbian Exposition is excellent, but fears the approval of the Haitian government cannot be obtained in time to have the Pavilion ready for the opening.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. [225]
- 1892 To Benjamin Harrison, President of the  
June 21 United States.  
Asks the President to see that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia [John W. Ross, Myron M. Parker and Capt. Charles F. Powell] give their attention to the damage done to property in Anacostia resulting from the grading of Jefferson Street.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [226]



- 1891  
June 21 To Mrs. Walter.  
He was gratified by the attention shown him at the [Republican] meeting; will spend six months in Chicago at the World's Columbian Exposition, as he is one of the Commissioners of the Republic of Haiti.  
From Washington, D. C.  
Copy. 4 pp. [227]
- 1892  
Aug. 23 To Portlandt Parker.  
Asks for statistics on the political status of the Colored man as he is preparing an article and needs this information; has finished an article on lynch law in the South.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. (incomplete) [228]
- 1892  
Sep. 8 To John C. New, Consul of the United States, Liverpool, England.  
Asks if the descendants of John Russell Talbot, in the United States, have inherited any of the property of the Talbot family [in England], and if so, when and how the inheritance can be obtained.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. (incomplete) [229]
- 1892  
Sep. 16 To Gen. Florvil Hyppolite, President of the Republic of Haiti.  
Acknowledges letter of sympathy on death of Frederick Douglass, Jr.  
Copy. 1 p. [230]
- 1892  
Oct. 28 To "Sir".  
"No criticism to make" on an address sent for his correction; contains, however, "timely ideas and whole address may well be pondered upon by our people."





From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[231]

1892

To Mrs. [J. J.] Keeler.

Nov. 4

Asks that a tour be arranged for Miss [Ida B.] Wells [later Barnett], so that she can speak on the wrongs done to the slaves in churches, schools, and private families; her talks may lead to the establishment of a paper in which such wrongs could be exposed.

From the Exposition Universelle de Chicago Commission Haitienne.

Copy. 2 pp.

[232]

1892

To DeWolfe, Fiske and Company [publishers, Boston, Mass.]

Nov. 18

Disapproves of the format of the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass which has been submitted; hopes future copies will be superior to the one received.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[233]

[1892]

To the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia [John W. Ross, Myron M. Parker, and Capt. Charles F. Powell].

Asks that some means be adopted to prevent further damage to his property by the grading of Jefferson Street, by Andrew Gleason; "if the District will supply material" he will "supply necessary labor."

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[234]

1893

Address at the opening of the Haitian Pavilion at the World's Columbian Exposition [dedication ceremonies of the Haitian Pavilion]. (31)

Jan. 2



Chicago, Ill.

Copy. 9 pp. and 5 printed copies,  
including dedication.

[235]

1893

Jan. 2

Address at Quinn Chapel, A.M.E. Church on  
Haiti.

Chicago, Ill.

Copy. 25 pp.

[236]

1893

Jan. 25

To "Le General Hyppolite" [Florvil Hyppo-  
lite, President of Haiti].

The Commissioner's work has been done most-  
ly by his secretary, Harris; Douglass holds Harris  
in high regard because of his loyalty to and know-  
ledge of the wishes of Hyppolite's government; as-  
sures the President of his interest in the welfare  
of Haiti; asks if he received copy of the Courier  
des Etats Unis which contains the opening address  
at the Haitian Pavilion at the [World's] Columbian  
Exposition [Chicago].

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 2 pp.

[237]

1893

Feb. 18

To Ducasse, Secretary of the Department of  
Agriculture of the Republic of Haiti.

Thanks Ducasse for approval of his speech  
at dedication of the Haitian Pavilion at World's  
Columbian Exposition on the anniversary of the  
independence of the Republic of Haiti.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[238]

1893

Feb. 20

To E. C. Culp, Secretary of Committee on  
ceremonies of the World's Columbian Exposition,  
Chicago, Ill.

Asks what day has been assigned to Haiti at



the [World's] Columbian Exposition.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[239]

1893

To L. M. Saunders.

Feb. 21

Rebukes him for barring a Negro woman from a rest room.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[240]

1893

To F. J. Loudin.

Mar. 6

Quotes from a letter published in the Detroit Plaindealer (32), approving his [Douglass'] suggestion that an exhibit of the persecution of the Negro be presented at the World's Columbian Exposition.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[241]

1893

To W. H. Keyworth, Washington, D. C.

Mar. 13

Declines an invitation to a banquet in honor of Col. William Deakson and Prof. King.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[242]

1893

To the Members of the Centenary Association of Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Mar. 22

He is happy that his efforts to understand the political and social forces in Haiti have been successful, and that his relations with Haiti are thoroughly understood and approved by her citizens, as well as the members of the [Centenary] Association.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[243]



- 1893  
Mar. 30 To Krings.  
Thanks him for letter and photograph.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. [244]
- 1893  
Apr. 8 To Sweeney.  
Disagrees with him concerning the publication of a pamphlet.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. [245]
- 1893  
Nov. 15 To C. Haentjens, Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Haiti.  
Accepted appointment to the Haitian Commission as an honor; understood that Preston [Co-Commissioner], a native of Haiti, would perform active work; due to mismanagement of funds on [Charles A.] Preston's part, Douglass advanced him money, to be repaid by the Haitian government; in view of the circumstances, is not surprised at the termination of his [Douglass'] commission. (33)  
From Chicago, Ill.  
Copy. 4 pp. [246]
- 1893  
Dec. 12 To C. Haentjens [Minister Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Haiti].  
Acknowledges receipt of \$1,000 in payment of money advanced to Charles [A.] Preston to meet demands of Haitian Commission and services rendered by Charles L. Mitchell [Minister to Liberia] and Paul [Lawrence] Dunbar [Negro poet].  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
2 copies. 1 p. [247]
- 1893  
Dec. 21 To [Sarah] Southwick.  
Thanks her for a book which she sent him.





From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[248]

1893

Address on Haiti.

Copy. 57 pp.

[249]

1893

Address: "Why the American Negro is Not Represented at the World's Columbian Exposition."

Copy. 8 pp.

[250]

1894

[Jan. 9] Address: "Lesson of the Hour", delivered at the Metropolitan A.M.E. Church (34), Washington, D. C., and subsequently in Baltimore, Md.

3 copies. 1-54 pp., 1-55 pp., 1-43 pp.  
(incomplete)

[251]

1894

To [?]

Feb. 4

Spent eight months in Chicago attending the World's Columbian Exposition as Commissioner from Haiti; American government failed to appoint anyone of the 8,000,000 Colored Americans to Exposition; he [Douglass] was there as a representative of a foreign government.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 4 pp.

[252]

1894

To John H. Kelly, Brooklyn [N. Y.]

Feb. 18

Has received word that he [Kelly] and E. S. Childs, architect in charge of the Haitian Building, had met the Minister [from Haiti]; hopes financial matter between Preston [Co-Commissioner of the Haitian government to the World's Columbian Exposition] and the Minister [of Haiti] will be settled.



From Anacostia, D. C.

Types set. 1 p.

[253]

1894 To his Excellency Florvil Hyppolite  
Mar. 11 [President of Haiti].

Acknowledges Hyppolite's note assuring him that the American Jubilee Singers will be welcomed in Haiti; voices his appreciation of the honor conferred upon him by his selection as Commissioner to the World's Columbian Exposition.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[254]

1894 To Rev. C. F. Aked [England].

Mar. 27 Thanks him for assisting Miss Ida B. Wells [later Barnett] in obtaining a hearing in England; he wishes the English people to know the truth about slavery in the United States.

From Anacostia, D. C.

2 copies. 2 pp.

[255]

1894 To Miss Ida [B.] Wells [later Barnett;  
Mar. 27 ed., Red Book].

Asks who is sponsoring her three months in England, and what arrangements have been made for her expenses; Douglass is ready to help, if necessary.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[256]

1894 To "Sir".

Mar. 31 Acknowledges receipt of letter informing him that the Haitian government has sent the money for his salary as Commissioner of Haiti to the Columbian Exposition at Chicago,



in the amount of \$1,112.50; thanks him for the favors he has received from the Haitian Government; reminds him of the debt which Preston still owes Douglass.

From Anacostia, D. C.

3 copies. 1 p.

[257]

1894

To "Sir".

Mar. 31

Advises against voting for J. J. Doughlin and J. Irving Pearce; supports the election of William Shakel.

From Anacostia, D. C.

T.L.C. 1 p.

[258]

1894

To Henry B. Blackwell.

May 2

Accepts invitation to reception given by the friends of Woman's Suffrage on May 9; regrets that Mrs. Douglass cannot attend.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[259]

1894

To Rev. R. A. Armstrong.

May 22

Thanks him for assisting Miss Ida B. Wells [later Barnett] who is lecturing in England on the oppressed condition of the Negro in the United States; Mrs. Mary Carpenter, of Bridport, [England] has a copy of his address on the Negro problem; thinks Armstrong can get a copy of the address from her.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[260]

1894

To [John E.] Marshall Harlan [United

May 29

States Supreme Court].

Is grateful to Justice Harlan for the opinion he submitted on the Bering Sea Tribunal of Arbitration; has much clearer idea of the



habits of seals since reading Harlan's (35) report.

From Anacostia, D. C.

3 copies. 2 pp.

[261]

1894

To Helen P. Bright Clark.

July 19

Thanks her for assisting Miss Ida B. Wells [later Barnett], who is lecturing in England on the oppressed condition of the Negro in the United States; rejoices to know England is against oppression of the Negro. From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[262]

1894

July 20

To Magnus L. Robinson, Editor [National Leader], Washington, D. C.

Is anxious that Senator William E. Chandler be returned to the Senate of the United States by the State of New Hampshire.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Printed card signed. 1 p.

[263]

1894

July 21

To the Honorable Commissioners of the District of Columbia [John W. Ross, Myron M. Parker, and Capt. Charles F. Powell].

Petitions the Commissioners to examine the damage done to his property [by city engineers] while he was in Haiti.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[264]

1894

July 24

To Charles S. Morris [minister].

The dates in his letters differ from those in Douglass' notes; he loaned Morris \$200 to enable him to give "Black Patti's Concert" [Madam Sisseretta Jones] and hopes he will be repaid.





From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[265]

1894

To Lillie F. Chase Wyman.

Aug. 10

Regrets to learn of the illness of her mother; praises life devoted to morality, religious freedom, and temperance.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[266]

1894

Address at dedication of Colored Industrial School.

Sep. 3

Manassas, Va.

Copy. 24 pp.

[267]

1894

"To My British Friends".

Oct. 6

Introduces Miss Hallie O. Brown; the object of her visit being to seek aid in establishing a library in Wilberforce College [Xenia, Ohio], a Colored institution.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[268]

1894

To Joe [Douglass, his grandson].

Oct. 14

Is due in Lowell, Mass. on 25th and cannot be in Boston.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[269]

1894

To "Sir".

Nov. 3

Advises against voting for George E. White; Col. Edward T. Noonan is his choice for Congressman.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[270]



- 1894  
Dec. 8 To William H. Peck.  
Requests payment of \$100 loan made to  
Peck a year ago.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 2 pp. [271]
- 1894 Address before the American Missionary  
Association.  
Lowell, Mass.  
10 copies. 8 pp. [272]
- 1894 Address at the unveiling of the monument  
to Bishop Daniel A. Payne.  
3 copies. 2-3 pp., 1-8 pp. [273]
- 1895 To Dr. Jeremiah [James] Rankin [president,  
Jan. 4 Howard University].  
Sympathizes with Rankin because of attacks  
made against him by [Jesse] Lawson in regard to  
the presidency of Howard University; Douglass'  
name has been suggested for this office, but he  
would not accept the office if it were offered  
him.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. (incomplete) [274]
- 1895 To F. J. Hacker.  
Feb. 19 Thanks him for an invitation to the 10th  
anniversary banquet of the Michigan Club.  
From Anacostia, D. C.  
Copy. 1 p. (incomplete) [275]
- Address: "The Negro Problem".  
Copy. 12 pp. (incomplete) [276]



To Nathan Sprague [father-in-law].

Accuses Sprague of employing a woman to write derogatory articles about him in the newspapers; denies having had Sprague watched or having obtained any information concerning him.  
From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 4 pp.

[277]

To James G. Elaine [Secretary of State, Washington, D. C.]

Requests a leave of absence from his post at Port-au-Prince; in his absence, John B. Ferris, vice consul general, will discharge the duties of office.

From Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Copy. 2 pp.

[278]

To Helen Pitts, Huntington, Ind.

Gives account of the club at various meeting places; has been entertained by Drs. Grace, Biggs, and Greene.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Post card signed.

[279]

To Mrs. Frederick Douglass.

All went well at the delegation assembly [political] in Hot Springs; is leaving soon to speak in Little Rock, and expects to reach home before the 15th.

From Hot Springs, Ark.

Copy. 1 p.

[280]

To H. L. Greene.

Regrets that he cannot write for the magazine.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[281]



To Frederick Butler.

Thanks Butler for invitation to read the eulogy on John Greenleaf Whittier, whom he considered a staunch friend of the Negro.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[282]

To Editor of the Cleveland Herald.

Hopes that the editor will help him disprove the statement made against him by Prof. [John] M[ercer] Langston in the Cleveland Herald.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[283]

To George F[ranklin] Edmunds.

Thanks Senator Edmunds for his interest in seeing that Douglass had a sleeping compartment from Charlotte [North Carolina] to Washington, D. C.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[284]

To the Editor of the Conservator.

The Conservator made unjust attacks on Douglass after his address of April 16; he did not attack President Harrison and asks that they print his address as he delivered it.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[285]

Address on political campaign.

2 copies. 1-20 pp., 1-19 pp.

(incomplete)

[286]

To Editor of Evening Star.

Supplies personal information about Theo-





dore Dwight Weld, who died at the age of 81,  
in Hyde Park, Mass.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[287]

To Editor of Fremont Journal.

Discusses his correspondence which was  
published in the Fremont Journal, regarding his  
[Douglass'] lecture delivered in Fremont on  
"William the Silent."

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[288]

To "Gentlemen".

Expresses his interest in the success of  
the Republican Party in every State in the  
Union, especially in Virginia.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete)

[289]

To [E. W.] Halford.

Acknowledges receipt of his letter and  
asks for an appointment with President Harrison  
to discuss Haitian affairs.

A.L. 1 p.

[290]

To J. H. Haws.

Is convinced that it would be unwise for  
him [Douglass] to associate himself with the  
New [National] Era which, according to Haws,  
"is already so near death"; would be willing  
to establish a powerful paper in Washington,  
but at his time of life it would be unreasonable  
to give up a certainty for uncertainties; he  
earns \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year lecturing.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[291]



To [Frederick May] Holland [ed., Frederick Douglass: The Colored Orator].

Speaks of his appointment to Haiti and the remarks made concerning it which have appeared in the newspapers.

Copy. 1 p.

[292]

To Oliver P. Morton Post of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Accepts invitation to address the meeting of the Oliver P. Morton Post of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor and perpetuate the name of [Oliver P.] Morton [Senator from Indiana].

Copy. 5 pp.

[293]

To the Members and Friends of the Oliver P. Morton Post [Grand Army of the Republic].

Regrets his inability to attend the meeting of the Assembly.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[294]

To the Editor of the National Republican.

Denies having made disparaging remarks concerning the intelligence and moral worth of Colored women or having discouraged them from taking part in the Woman's Suffrage movement.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[295]

To John M. Norton.

Consents to the use of his name for the "New Garrison of the Regular Army and Navy." [G.A.R. Post #21]

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete)

[296]



To C. C. Fettey.

He is not connected with any scheme for emigration; is pleased that people are leaving Gulf States for Oklahoma.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[297]

To Editor of the Pilot.

The Bridgeport Journal has misquoted articles regarding Home Parliament and Home Rule for Ireland.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 3 pp.

[298]

To Mrs. Pitts [mother of Mrs. Douglass].

Refers to rumors concerning himself and Helen Pitts Douglass [second wife]; regrets that Mrs. Pitts will not accept his book [Life and Times of Frederick Douglass], except as a purchase.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[299]

To Mr. President.

Resents insinuations made at board meeting that he [Douglass], though a self-made man, is not a scholar and a gentleman.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[300]

To President [Grover] Cleveland.

Hopes that the President will see his [Douglass'] letter to the Secretary of the Interior before changes are made in the chief office of the Freedmen's Hospital in Washington; is sure Dr. Purvis will meet with the President's approval.



From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[301]

To A. P. Putnam.

Regrets his inability to meet with the veterans of the Anti-Slavery Cause in Danvers [Mass.]

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[302]

To L. H. Saunders.

Acknowledges letters from Saunders stating that the "O.E. Bank" has reversed its decision to rent office space to him [Douglass].

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 4 pp.

[303]

To "Dear Sir".

Would like to start a movement for the erection of a statue to John Brown on the site of the old engine house [in Harper's Ferry]; to cost about \$15,000; submits plan of procedure for the collection of funds for this purpose.

A.Df. 1 p.

[304]

To "Sir".

Sends a statement drawn up by himself asking for his lecture fee in advance.

From Washington, D. C.

Copy. 2 pp.

[305]

To Rev. T. G. Steward.

Resents remarks attributed to him by Steward concerning contributions to the church; discusses his philosophy of life and his definition of Christianity.





From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 5 pp.

[306]

To Henry C. Tanner [artist].

Expresses pleasure at the amount of confidence reposed in him by Tanner.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p. (incomplete)

[307]

To the Editors of the West Indian Abroad.

Thanks them for their efforts to defend him from malicious remarks made concerning his recent marriage.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[308]

To Robert H. Terrell [Judge, Municipal Court, District of Columbia].

An engagement at the Home for Aged Colored Women, Alexandria, Va. prevents his attending a meeting at 15th Street Presbyterian Church [80th birthday of John Greenleaf Whit-  
tier].

Copy. 1 p.

[309]

To Clarence E. Young.

Accepts appointment as a member of the World's Congress Auxiliary of the World's Columbian Exposition.

From Anacostia, D. C.

Copy. 1 p.

[310]



## LEGISLATIVE REFERENCES

1 Popular opposition to the distribution of abolition literature finally drove the True American out of Kentucky. In Clay's absence a group of citizens of Lexington, Kentucky, seized the press, boxed it up, and shipped it to Cincinnati, Ohio. From his sickbed, Clay bitterly accused the "mob" of waiting until he was unable to look after his own business. An account of the circumstances, including letters from Clay to the people of Kentucky and to the Committee of Three, appears in Miles Register, April 14-18, 1845. (Item 2)

2 "Mr. Douglass cherished a peculiar liking for Daniel O'Connell, at that time the incomparable orator and leader of the Irish people. He had a genuine and lovable personality and was a powerful advocate. He had an intense hatred of slavery, as for all forms of oppression and injustice. He introduced Mr. Douglass always as the 'Black O'Connell.' His fondness for the 'Maryland Slave' made the latter's tour through Ireland a continuous ovation." Booker T. Washington, Frederick Douglass, p. 102. (Item 3)

3 The full text of this letter appears in the Liberator, Nov. 28, 1845. A reprint appears in Carter G. Woodson, ed., The Mind of the Negro as Reflected in Letters Written During the Crisis, 1800-1860, pp. 404-408. (Item 4)

4 The full text of this letter appears in the Liberator, under the caption, "Letter from a Fugitive Slave." A reprint appears in Woodson, op. cit., pp. 403-404. (Item 5)

5 The text of this speech is part of a report entitled American Slavery, describing a public meeting held on Friday, May 22, 1846, at Finsbury Chapel, Moorsfield, to receive Frederick Douglass, "the American Slave". London, Printed by C. B. Christian and Co., 1846. (Item 11)

6 The Liberator for Oct. 2, 1846, contains the following account of the Smyth incident: "Rev. Dr. Thomas Smyth, of Charleston, South Carolina, who lately visited Belfast, made



certain statements injurious to the moral and religious character of Mr. Frederick Douglass, the fugitive slave. These statements being calculated to injure his usefulness, Mr. Douglass felt compelled to call upon the rev. gentleman to come forward, and make full and public apology, or abide the legal consequences of refusal. Messrs. Davison and Torrens, Solicitors in behalf of Mr. Douglass, demanded this apology from Dr. Smyth; intimating, at the same time, that in case of refusal, he must abide the issue of a civil action, which would afford him abundant opportunity to prove (if he could) the truth of his assertions." (Item 13)

7 The following letter to Messrs. Davison and Torrens appears in the Liberator for Oct. 2, 1846:

"Gentlemen: In reply to your letter of the 16th inst., informing me that you had been instructed by Mr. Frederick Douglass, the Anti-Slavery Lecturer, to institute proceedings at law against me for certain statements made by me injurious to his moral and religious character, I beg to express my sincere regrets for having uttered the same; the more especially as upon mature reflection, I am quite satisfied that the statements I incautiously made, on the report of third parties, were unfounded. Very respectfully, your obd't serv't. THOS. SMYTH"

The Liberator adds a quotation from the New York Tribune:

"In South Carolina, if the negro had ventured to address Rev. Mr. Smyth, he might have been asked, 'Whose boy are you?' and rewarded for his impertinence by sixty lashes well laid on: but in Dublin, the slave is a man and must be treated accordingly. Such are the magical effects of a change of residence from a Republic to a Monarchy." (Item 22)

8 The first issue of the North Star, subsequently called Frederick Douglass' Paper, was published December 3, 1847. See files in the Frederick Douglass Memorial Home, Anacostia, Washington, D. C. (Item 28)

9 The text of the address appears in the North Star (Rochester, N. Y.), June 16, 1848. (Item 32)



- 10 The text of the address appears Ibid., July 7, 1842.  
(Item 33)
- 11 The Anti-Slavery Movement, a lecture by Frederick Douglass, before the Rochester Anti-Slavery Society, Rochester, N. Y., Press of Lee, Mann and Co., Daily American Office, 1855.  
(Item 44)
- 12 Dred Scott vs. Sandford, 19 Howard, 393-633. (Item 45)
- 13 The British freed all the slaves in their West Indies possessions in 1838, the French and Danes following ten years later. The Dutch did not free all their slaves until 1873, while slavery continued in the Spanish islands of Cuba and Porto Rico until 1886. Encyclopedia Americana, X, 1271.  
(Item 47)
- 14 Pamphlet, Men of Color, To Arms, Rochester, N. Y., March 2, 1863.  
(Item 48)
- 15 Gerrit Smith sued the Chicago Tribune for libel because of an article it published June 13, 1865. In the course of a long attack on Smith for his aid to John Brown the paper stated that "He [Smith] became insane, took refuge in a lunatic asylum and remained there until Lincoln was inaugurated." The case dragged on and was finally settled out of court. Ralph Volney Harlow, Gerrit Smith, pp. 450-454.  
(Item 57)
- 16 In his autobiography Douglass shows that, in this letter, he was drawing a fine distinction between "armed force" and "insurrection". Of his first meeting with John Brown, at Brown's home, he writes: "...Captain Brown cautiously approached the subject...he seemed to apprehend opposition to his views. ... His plan as it then lay in his mind, had much to recommend it. It did not, as some suppose, contemplate a general rising among the slaves, and a general slaughter of the slave masters. He...thought the practice of carrying arms would be a good one for the colored people to adopt, as it would give them a sense of their manhood." Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, Written by Himself, new and revised ed., Boston, De Wolfe, Fiske & Co., 1892, pp. 339-340.  
(Item 57)





17 General O. C. Howard was Commissioner of "The Freedmen's Bureau", the full name of which was "Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands." A Joint Resolution of Congress, approved March 29, 1867, provided "that all checks and treasury certificates to be issued in the settlement of claims for pay, bounty, prize money, or other monies due to colored soldiers, sailors, or marines, or their legal representatives, now residing, or who may have resided in any State in which slavery existed in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, (1860), shall be made payable to the Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau." The Commissioner's report to the President, November 1, 1867, Annual Report of the Secretary of War, 1867, pt. 1, pp. 621-693. (Item 58)

18 The Johnson-Clarendon Convention, providing for the arbitration of the claims of United States citizens against Great Britain, was signed by Reverdy Johnson, Minister to England, 1868-69, and Lord Clarendon, of England, on Jan. 14, 1869. Ratification was refused by the United States Senate because the Convention made no specific provisions concerning damages inflicted on U. S. shipping during the Civil War by Confederate raiders such as the Alabama. Built in England in 1862, this cruiser reputedly captured or destroyed 70 U. S. merchant vessels before she was sunk by the Kearsarge in the harbor of Cherbourg before the eyes of thousands of Frenchmen who watched the battle from the shore. John Bassett Moore, History and Digest of the International Arbitrations to which the United States has been a Party, I, 495-682. (Item 65)

19 Douglass' home in Rochester, N. Y., had been a most useful station of the Underground Railway. "On one occasion I had eleven fugitives at the same time under my roof, and it was necessary for them to remain with me, until I could collect sufficient money to get them on to Canada. It was the largest number I ever had at any one time, and I had some difficulty in providing so many with food and shelter..." Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, p. 329. (Item 76)

20 As Early as January, 1874, Douglass was aware of the shaky condition of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company. He was forced to report to the Senate Committee on Finance



that he regarded the "institution as insolvent and irrecoverable" and was no longer willing to ask his people to deposit their money in it. As a consequence the Committee directed John Jay Knox, then Comptroller, to secure an itemized statement of the bank's assets and liabilities. According to a report prepared by Charles A. Meigs, Bank Examiner, on Feb. 14, 1874, the bank's assets were \$3,121,010.00 and its liabilities \$3,338,896.15, a deficit of \$217,886.15. Even on the extremely doubtful assumption that the assets were completely realizable in the event of liquidation, the bank could not pay its depositors more than 93 cents on the dollar. Only \$400 in United States securities was in the vaults and only \$31,689.15 in cash remained in the 34 branches. The report also detailed evidences of gross carelessness in accounting procedure. House Misc. Doc., I, No. 16, 43rd Cong., 2nd Sess., 1874-75. (Item 79)

21 There was much confusion in the public mind concerning the condition of the Freedmen's Savings and Trust Company when Douglass assumed the presidency on April 1, 1874. The actuary and a dozen or so of the bank's trustees went before the Senate Finance Committee, retracted their previous statements, contradicted Douglass' testimony, and assured the Committee that the bank was "abundantly able to weather the financial storm and pay dollar for dollar to its depositors." Douglass' views prevailed, however, and the Committee appointed three commissioners to take over the assets of the bank and liquidate its affairs.

As indicated in Documentary Reference 20, the bank was not solvent. The panic of 1873 and the careless and sometimes corrupt use of the bank's funds by District of Columbia trustees and officials were major factors in the bank's failure. The situation was aggravated by the negligence of the more honest and able trustees, the incompetency of officials, and, to some extent by the hostility arising from the bank's status as a race institution, and its identification with the Freedmen's Bureau. Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, pp. 487-493. (Item 84)

22 This address was published in Washington, D. C., Gibson Brothers, Printers, 1876. (Item 97)



23 Speech on the Death of William Lloyd Garrison, by Frederick Douglass, U. S. Marshal of the District of Columbia, at the Garrison Memorial Meeting, 15th Street Presbyterian Church, Monday, June 2, 1879, Robert Purvis, Esq. presiding. Washington, D. C., 1879. (Item 104)

24 Dr. Philip Pearsall Carpenter was minister of the Cairo Street Chapel in Warrington, England, and a staunch friend of the Anti-Slavery movement. He visited the United States and Canada from 1858 to 1860, spending five months of his stay in Washington. Russell Lant Carpenter, ed., Memories of the Life and Work of Philip Pearsall Carpenter. London, C. Kegan Paul & Co., 1880. (Item 109)

25 The Civil Rights Act, intended to enforce the provisions of the 13th and 14th Amendments to the Constitution, was passed by Congress on March 1, 1875. In passing upon five cases involving alleged violations of Sections 1 and 2, the United States Supreme Court declared these sections unconstitutional by a vote of eight to one. The brilliant dissenting opinion of Justice Harlan is summarized and discussed in Floyd Barzilia Clark, The Constitutional Doctrines of Justice Harlan, pp. 126-131; 196. (Item 125)

26 Douglass' second marriage in 1884 to Helen Pitts, a white woman, brought a flurry of criticism, but he laughingly remarked that he was quite impartial, his first wife was "the color of my mother, and the second, the color of my farther." Dictionary of American Biography, V, 406-407. (Item 130)

27 Weld, known as the "most powerful temperance advocate of the west," quarreled with William Lloyd Garrison over the admission of women delegates to conventions of the Anti-Slavery Society. Although he married Angelina Grimke, a famous advocate of Woman's Rights, at the height of the controversy with Garrison, Weld remained to the end convinced that the Anti-Slavery movement was, properly, men's business. Gilbert Hobbs Barnes, The Anti-Slavery Impulse, 1830-44, pp. 155-158. (Item 142)



28 United States Official Register. The Post Office Department and the Postal Service, Washington, 1890, II, 708.  
(Item 158)

29 A very interesting account of the death of Crispus Attucks is to be found in George Livermore, An Historical Research respecting the opinions of the Founders of the Republic on Negroes, as Slaves, as Citizens, and as Soldiers, pp. 113-117.  
(Item 175)

30 North American Review, CLIII (1891), 337-345; 450-459.  
(Item 209)

31 Lecture on Haiti, "The Haitian Pavilion. Dedication Ceremonies, delivered at the World's Fair, Jackson Park, Chicago, Jan. 2, 1893, by the Hon. Frederick Douglass, Ex-Minister to Haiti." [Chicago, 1893?]  
(Item 235)

32 The Detroit Plaindealer, a weekly newspaper, was published from May 16, 1883 to 1895. A file of the newspaper, September 20, 1883 to May 19, 1893, is in possession of the Kansas Historical Society, Topeka. American Newspapers 1821-1936. A Union List of Files Available in the United States and Canada, p. 310.  
(Item 241)

33 Douglass wrote to C. Haentjens explaining Preston's mismanagement of funds at the World's Columbian Exposition. He included signed vouchers which supported his claim. He received the following reply from Haentjens clearing him of all blame:

New York, December 8, 1893.

The Honorable Frederick Douglass  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter, dated on the 15th of November last, to which I delayed my answer till today, being advised to do so by your subsequent note of the 16th of same month.

I have given your statement due consideration and by it my own impression was confirmed. However, my duty being





solely limited to the winding up of all accounts and contests, in order to avoid any malicious questions about Hayti's good name, Mr. Chs. Preston shall have to account directly to the Department in Port-au-Prince, for his administration of Hayti's interests, at Chicago. According to the vouchers, enclosed in your letter, the sum of money advanced by you comprises:

2d. of June: a receipt for	\$840.00
30th of June: a receipt for	625.00
12th Sept. Paid to L. S. Dunbar	55.00
30th October advance to Preston	<u>30.00</u>
	\$1550.00

On which you received from Preston	<u>\$500.00</u>
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leaving a net balance	\$1050.00
on that sum, I paid on November	
17th, your draft favor Chs. Preston	\$ 200.00
Balance due you on this day	\$ 850.00

To that I do add \$150 for Mr. Chs. Mitchell's wages during August, September and October, which I beg you to pay to him, after having deducted the amount of \$55 advanced by you, as stated in his receipt, which I send back. In consequence with the above statement, I have the pleasure to remit, herein, a check of \$1,000. Please inform me whether this figure stands in accordance with your own estimate.

As to the regular appointments, due you for July, August, September and October, I have written to the Department, and as soon as I hear from it on this subject, I will hasten to communicate with you.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.

C. Haentjens  
(Item 246)

34 Printed by Thomas and Evans, Baltimore, 1894.  
(Item 251)

35 Bering Sea Tribunal of Arbitration..., G.P.O., Washington, D. C., 1893, pp. 58-111.  
(Item 261)



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